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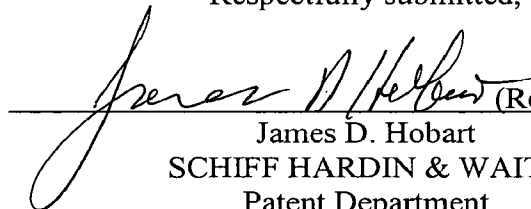
In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that a citation and examination of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be made during the course of the examination of the above-identified application.

**R E M A R K S**

On page 1 of the application, in the Background of the Invention, U.S. Patent No. 6,065,705 was discussed. A copy of this U.S. Patent is attached herewith for the Examiner's review.

It is respectfully submitted that the specification distinguishes the claims over the teachings of this reference and that claims 1-15 are patentable thereover.

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